

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
Gunnar Hultquist et al.) Examiner: R. Palabrica
) Art Unit: 3663
Title: A NUCLEAR FUEL ROD)
) Confirmation No. 5447
Serial No.: 10/537,954)
)
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Middletown, Connecticut, March 24, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

A telephonic interview took place between the Examiner and the undersigned (as Applicants' representative) on February 24, 2009.

The Examiner's summary of the interview stated:

"Based on the discussion between the examiner and applicant's representative, it was established that the amended claims have support in the Table on page 15 of the as-filed application, and therefore the amended claims submitted on 12/18/08 qualify for examination under the 8/21/08 RCE. The 1/29/09 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is withdrawn."

Applicants concur with the Examiner's summary as set forth and appreciate the withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Applicants understand that the claims now stand as presented in the Amendment of December 18, 2008, and await the issuance of a communication in response to that Amendment.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with this Response. If any fees are deemed by the Commissioner to be due, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 503342.

Respectfully submitted,

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